

JOHN H. LIGHTER, ADMINISTRATOR OF PETER LIGHTER,
DECEASED.

FEBRUARY 16, 1889.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. STONE, of Kentucky, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 12599.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the claim of John H. Lighter, administrator of Peter Lighter, deceased, report as follows:

That the Committee on War Claims of the Forty-ninth Congress, not being clearly and fully advised of all the facts in the case, referred it to the Court of Claims for a finding of facts under the provisions of the Bowman act.

Said claim has been returned by said court with the following findings of fact, to wit:

[Court of Claims. Congressional Case, No. 1979. John H. Lighter, administrator of Peter Lighter, deceased, vs. The United States.]

FINDINGS OF FACT.

At a Court of Claims held in the city of Washington on the 4th day of February, A. D. 1889, the court filed the following findings of fact, to wit:

The claim in the above-entitled case for supplies or stores, alleged to have been taken by or furnished to the military forces of the United States for their use during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, was transmitted to the court by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives on the 2d day of March, 1887.

G. W. Z. Black, esq., appeared for claimant, and the Attorney-General, by Lewis Cochran, esq., his assistant, and under his direction, appeared for the defense and protection of the interests of the United States.

On a preliminary inquiry the court, on the 23d day of April, 1888, found that the person alleged to have furnished the supplies or stores, or from whom they were alleged to have been taken, was loyal to the Government of the United States throughout said war.

The case having been brought to a hearing on its merits on the 10th day of January, 1889, the court, upon the evidence and after considering the briefs and arguments of counsel on both sides, finds the facts to be as follows:

I.

The said decedent during the late war resided in the county of Frederick, in the State of Maryland.

II.

It is alleged by claimant that in the year 1862 the military forces of the United States for their use took from the said decedent stores and supplies of the kind and value, to wit:

6,000 rails, \$4 per hundred.....	\$240. 00
15 barrels of corn, \$4 per barrel.....	60. 00

40 barrels of corn, \$3 per barrel.....	\$120.00
18 tons of hay, at \$15.....	277.50
45 acres of clover pasture, at \$4	180.00
Total.....	877.50

The court upon the evidence finds that in the year aforesaid, at the place aforesaid, the said forces for their use took from the said decedent stores and supplies of the value of \$427.

It does not appear that any payment has been made for any of said property,

BY THE COURT.

Filed February 4, 1889.

A true copy.

Test, this 8th day of February, A. D. 1889.

[SEAL.]

JOHN RANDOLPH,
Assistant Clerk Court of Claims.

Your committee therefore report herewith a bill and recommend its passage.